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Group Art Unit: 2612

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Examiner:

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For : ZOOM LENS SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-206732, which was published on August 7, 1998, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the instant application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-211984, which was published on August 6, 1999, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to

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return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:


U.S. Patent No. 10/282,165 to MINEFUJI, entitled "Zoom Lens System", which was filed on October 29, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 10/414,280 to EGUCHI, entitled "Zoom Lens System", which was filed on April 16, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernstein", followed by the text "Reg. No. 48,214".

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		1	English Language Translation of JP Appln. No. 10-206732.
		2	English Language Translation of JP Appln. No. 11-211984.

DATE CONSIDERED

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